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# FOREIGN SECRETARY MUELLER TO SIGN TREATY FOR GERMANY; CEREMONY NOT LIKELY TO BE CONCLUDED BEFORE SATURDAY; FRENCH INSISTENCE ON FORMALITY MAY DETAIN PRESIDENT

## \$275,000 IN JEWELS AT BILTMORE VANISH FROM DEPOSIT BOX

band Died.

AFFAIR KEPT SECRET

Some One Else Had Access to Cache Mrs. Millhiser Used, Is Hint.

NO CLEWS DISCOVERED

Hotel Does Not Concede There Was Robbery in Formal Statement of Loss.

May 20, Mrs. Clarence Millhiser placed in a safety deposit box in the office of the Biltmore Hotel two packages which she had every reason to believe contained lewels valued at about \$500,000. Twenty-four days later, on June 13, she called for the box, opened it and compared its contents with a list that she had kept. She immedistely notified the hotel management that \$275,000 worth of jewels was missing, including one of the finest pearl necklaces in America.

During the eleven days since June 13 the Biltmore has been full of police and private detectives. "Confidential" alarms have been sounded far and wide. Employees of the hotel have been questioned by the score. Pawnshops and suspected fences have been searched. The Pinkertons have vied with the Norman J. Fitzsimmons detective agency and the ablest men of the Police Department in trying to fathom the mystery. Lloyd's, through whom the jewels apparently were insured, also have had agents scurrying around, Mrs. Millhiser has retained the law firm of Stanchfield & Levy. and conferences have been held with Edwards, Murphy & Minton, attorneys for the Biltmore. In short, there has been a stirring around compatible ons and circum stances of the biggest jewel robbery against him was completed yesterday reported in New York for many a

## Results Thus Far-Nothing.

The results thus far have beennothing, Secrecy enjoined by Mrs Millhiser was preserved on all sides until yesterday. Then there was "leak" somewhere. When the fact of the robbery was a public possession the Biltmore's lawyers issued a statement of two sentences:

"On May 29 Mrs. Clarence Millhise of Richmond, Va., who with her late husband was a guest of the Biltmore procured from the hotel one of the safe eposit boxes maintained for the con venience of guests desiring to store valuables. She alleges that she placed in this box on that date, the day of he husband's death, jewelry of considerable value and that when she went to the box on June 13 to remove the jewelry a part of the same was missing."

Mrs. Millhiser, who before her marriage was Miss Regina Viola Greenewald of Philadelphia and who is a niece of Ellis Gimbel, a member of the firm mer with her two daughters on the New They have taken the Pot-

Mrs. Millhiser kept her own counse rday. She said: "I can say noth.
My lawyers are Stanchfield & Levy Anything to be said be given out by them." ours were just as reticent. So were saids, Murphy & Minton, except for foregoing quoted sentences.

ohn McE. Howman, president of the Imore, was unavailable. The Blitmore or, Mr. Miller, said nothing would a forthcoming except from the lawyers ory of the jewels, but wouldn't admit concede that they had ever heard Biltmore, much less a \$275,000 reported therein. Deacon Murphy he law firm acting for the Biltmore who as an Assistant District Attorne to the hotel yesterday and did a his own.

here was nothing new to report. He was president of door the Richmond Cedar Works, which has At the office of falls all over the South, and of the explained that it director of the West Disinfecting Company, which makes "CN," and other wait for the prison van to reach the corporations. On their trips to New court house. It was an unusual experiad a suite at the Biltmore. They were Milihiser had an enviable colon of jewels. Last year they moved New York, taking a home at 270 avenue and Mr. Millhiser having flee at 50 East Forty-second street. Falls to Mount Sinal Hospital. About the he has drifted, care free, over the world, same time his wife and two daughters living a luxurious life on the toll ex-

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# Widow Says She Put Gems HAMBY GUILTY; TO DIE IN CHAIR

Brooklyn Bank Robber Con- BLAMES ALL TO MANAGER victed of Murder in Record Time.

ACCEPTS FATE CALMLY

Prefers Death to Prison Term -Will Be Sentenced

To-morrow.

victed of murder in the first degree by him and Loup was brought to the a jury in the Supreme Court, Brook- Criminal Courts Building, where he byn, yesterday afternoon. He shot and was questioned by the District Attorkilled De Witt C. Peal, paying teller, and Henry W. Coons, assistant treasurer of the East Brooklyn Savings Bank on December 13, 1918.

He knows that he will be sentenced to death in the electric chair tomorrow morning. Yet he walked in thought they had made. handcuffs back to the Raymond street jail as calmly and as tranquilly as if Loup said. "I know very little about strolling for pleasure. And that with it " a mob of 500 crowding on his heels.

The case was conducted under re- firm?" asked Mr. Swann. markable circumstances and was despatched with a swiftness never approached in Brooklyn, and probably clerk." never in New York State. Unprecedented was the action of the blase young defendant in insisting that his \$150 a week," said Loup. "There was lawyer, Frank X. McCaffry, abstain an arrangement by which I was to from cross-examining witnesses. He draw salary between those amounts wished to be convicted. He wished to according to the business done. Most

He would rather be killed than lie in jail for years at Tacoma, as he most certainly would if released here. He killed Robert Davis, a friend, at Tacoma, and was just about to be

## Schedule Shows Speed.

The celerity with which the cas indicated by the following schedule: 10:30 A. M .- District Attorney

ened his case to the jury and denounced the smiling prisoner. 10:50-First witness, Mrs. De Witt C. Peal, widow, took the stand

against him. 12:30—Peter Bollinger, last of fif-1:08—Assistant District Attorney Conway finished reading Hamby's confession to the jurors. 1:15-District Attorney announces

eople rest. 1:16-Mr. McCaffry announces defence rests.

-Court opens after recess District Attorney sums up for 2:59-Justice Fawcett charges the

3:08-Jurors leave for jury room.

3:54-Jury finds Hamby guilty of murder in the first degree. "I know I echo the sentiment of all

decent minded people in Brooklyn," said Justice Fawcett to the jury, "in expressing to you sincere thanks for your ver dict in this case. Any other determination would have been a miscarriage of justice.

"You have by your verdict convicted the worst man that has come before me in my thirteen years on the bench, during which time there have been more than 6,000 criminal convictions before The criminal record of Jesse James and all the other notorious bandits I can recall to mind pale into insignificance by arison with that of this defendant Amid a breathless silence in the the rail and gave his pedigree to Rooney. He was smiling. He said in a low, clear tone that he was "Jay B Allan," 26, born in Alberta, Canada. He had "no definite residence—the world." Occupation? "Sailor-that'll do." was single and had a "general education "No particular one. ceived some religious instruction as

child My parents are dead. He was then handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff James Shortell and taken through Willoughby street to the Raymond street jail, about a third of a mile. Autoslowed down and cars slackened street, chatting with the deputy sheriffs and the policemen accompanying him, a and the policemen accompanying him a and the policemen accompanying him a cigarette in his mouth. The word was fiashed about. Five hundred persons followed him to the jall doors. A thought and lived for years in chundred, Va. He was president of demand. Va. He was president of

At the office of Sheriff Griffin it was and Pulp and Paper Company and take the desperate convict at once to the jail through the street rather than for four years past the family ence to Hamby and to Brooklynites in

> The conviction of Gordon Fawcett Hamby closes the career of a man gen-erally conceded to be one of the most remarkable and singular criminals ever brought before a court. For eight years

## HEAD OF STOCK FIRM IN CRASH GOT \$10 A WEEK

H. C. Loup, Taken Before District Attorney, Says He Was the Goat.

Attorney for Victims Declares Assets Only About \$10,000 in \$2,000,000 Failure.

Herbert C. Loup, head of the stock brokerage firm of H. C. Loup & Co., one of the three men sought after an investigation was started into the affairs and operations of that concern. telephoned to the District Attorney's "Gordon Fawcett Hamby," cultured office yesterday that he was at Broad andit, worse than Jone James in the Channel. Mr. Swann sent Detectives John Cunniff and Stanley Gorman for ney, John T. Dooling of the commercial frauds bureau and Benjamir Spellman, attorney for several of the concern's clients who started the in-

> to turn over to them the profits they "I was only the goat of the thing,

vestigation when the company failed

"But weren't you the head of the "Yes," replied Loup, "but Frank B.

Taylor ran it. I was really only s "What did you get out of it?" "I was supposed to get from \$10 to

of the time I got nearer \$10 than \$150."

## How the Firm Started.

Many of the questions put to Lou dealt with his connection with Taylor, office manager of the brokerage concern, who is still missing. He said he first sentenced to life imprisonment there. met Taylor three years ago in Robins's restaurant in South Broad street, and that as far as he knew Taylor at that vertising work in connection with the in- him he would tell the truth. vestment of securities. Loup was then employed as a clerk in a broker's office, but in the early part of 1918, he said, he and Joseph C. Kelsey, another clerk, and Harry Fitzpatrick, who later ecame rather widely known through his organized the firm of H. C. Loup & Co., their intention being to do a general pro

Fitzpatrick got dissatisfied and we gave im \$500 for his interest in the busi-

on thereafter Taylor was admitted into the firm, Loup said, although he put no money into it. But he soon had it on its feet financilly through the sale of some Alaska zinc stock. Loup declared that from the beginning of his connection with the concern Taylor assumed the position of its directing head and knew ost about the firm's operations.

Loup told the District Attorney that after the coming of Taylor he had little or nothing to do with the books, accounts or with the sale of stock. "Taylor ran the place," he said.

## Limited in Signing Checks.

Although Loup as head of the concern was empowered to sign checks on the accounts, after a while he was permitted to sign checks only on Taylor's instructions, and those only for bills, office expenses and expenditures of

Besides arranging for Kelsey and me to draw salaries ranging from \$10 to \$150 a week," said Loup, "we were supposed to share in the profits, but there Keisey acted as salesman."

Loup said he had little knowledge of any of Taylor's transactions, but ac-

"I knew nothing about the firm's fmancial status," he said, "although I learned rom bank check stubs once that he had balance of \$25.099."

He said he had no idea what the present assets of the firm might be, although he thought the liabilities would easily amount to \$400,000. Attorney Spellman declared, how-

ever, that his examination of the conbooks indicated liabilities \$2,000,000, which was the figure orig-inally estimated. He also produced checks showing that \$30,000 in varying amounts had been drawn from the b in May by Taylor, and said he had yet been able to learn what amo yet been able to learn had been drawn in June. Taylor's signature on all the cancelled vouchers and Loup was asked

"I don't know," he replied, "unless to was for some business purpo Knew Taylor Speculated.

Loup said he had been told by Taylo that some leases for Frontier Oil prop-erty in Texas were to be secured and that an agent in the Texas oil fields had been sent \$1,000 for that purpose. Loup also said he knew that Taylor had been speculating, his favorite stocks being Marines, Pan-American and Mexican Petroleum. He told the Dis trict Attorney that some ten days ago not doing everything just right. That was when Joseph Kaye, a mining opera-

### Wilson Helps Belgium To Get First Indemnity

By a Staff Correspondent of Tax Bus. PARIS, June 24.—President Wilson succeeded to-day in getting the Allies to sign an agreement by which Belgium will have priority in regard to the first indemnity payment by Germany of \$500,000,000 on account of

reparations.

This takes the form of an in-Inis takes the form of an in-terallied agreement signed by the five Powers and is highly satis-factory to Belgium, which has im-patiently sought action only to be

put off many times.

It is significant that President Wilson finally obtained this agreement from his colleagues immediately after his visit to Bel-

At the same session the plan to clear the Belgian war debt was approved. The plan is for the four great Powers to take over German bonds, which will be substituted for the Belgian debts. The bonds will be of a special issue, which Germany must make under the terms of peace, and will reimburse Belgium for funds she was forced to borrow following the German violation of her rights.

Accepted Blame in Cruger Case to Shield Woman, He Tells Jury.

DOUBTS

American Tribunals Declared Her Innocent of Crime, Judge Says.

Bologna, June 24 .- Fighting for acquittal, Alfred Cocchi, charged with words the curtain was rung down on the murder of Ruth Cruger in New the world war as a spectacle. York in 1917, presented to the court and fury a vivid description of the killing of the girl. He contended that his wife was the guilty one. He explained that he had made his former confession for her protection, but detime was doing nothing beyond some ad- clared that now she had abandoned

crime was committed. He walked Germany. of his case, which lasted for fortyfive minutes.

and then came the denial that he was crowded galleries. guilty. He said: "I was talking to the signorina. My

wife struck her on the back of the head with one of my tools. It was not I who struck the fatal blow, it was my wife. I hid the body to protect my wife."

found her innocent." any one to call her innocent. Nobody

could have an opinion on the affair unless he were there to see it." The President then declared that Coc chi had not been moved by altruistic

motives in his actions, and said: "Cocchi, if you wanted to do the right thing you would have protected the children who bear your name. You their breadwinner. If your wife their breadwinner. If your wife was guilty you might have let her suffer and protected your children.

The question of the guilt of Mrs. Coechi was not raised in any way by the New York police or the District At-She was never tried for the of Miss Cruger, and never was arrested in connection with the case. Se far as is known, she never was suspected tioned many times by the police and the District Attorney in connection

## QUIT CITIES, URGES SOVIET.

Subtle Propaganda Seen in Hun garian Communists' Advice. By the Associated Press.

BUDAPEST, June 24.—The National Soviet, which has been in session for some time, has adjourned. Before adjournment the Soviet issued a call upon the country, saying that otherwise they The call declared that as the shops

in cities were closed and no business was being carried on there was no rea The belief is prevailent here that the call was issued as propaganda with the of getting the peasants inter-

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## **CLOSING ACT AT WEIMAR LACKS** HEROIC TOUCH

End of Titanic Drama Is Disappointing and Untheatrical.

ASSEMBLY IN A DAZE

Not One Great Speech Appropriate of Occasion Is Written Into History.

By KARL H. von WIEGAND. Staff Correspondent of Tun Sch.

Copyright, 1919; all rights reserved WEIMAR, June 22 (delayed) .- The world war is over; the greatest Sabbath day in the Grand Ducal Theatre and Opera House of historic Welmar when, sitting on the stage of the blue, white and gold theatre, the new German "signing Government," headed by the professional union labor secretary, Gustav Bauer, had German pen placed in its hand with which to append Germany's signature to the Versailles document by the National Assembly.

The vote, which stood 237 for the acceptance of the terms of the Allies to 138 against it, five not voting, reflected the war weariness of exbausted Germany, the yearning for peace, the recognition of defeat and the unescapable and inevitable end.

Thirteen minutes later the Assem bly, by a vote of 236 to 80, expressed its confidence in the Government which courageously had assumed the responsibility, courting certain unpopularity, of placing its name to the treaty. "The National Assembly is in agreement with the Government in signing the peace treaty." With these

The closing stage in the last act of the titanic drama in many respects was disappointing, undramatic and not even theatrical. After her reable fight and after her people had endured untold suffering, Ger-Cocchi stood in a large open space many submitted without beroics. in Bologna's ancient court room of There were grave faces and eyes that Assizes before the bench, demonstrat- expressed suffering, but the majority ing for Judge and jury, by means of of those present reflected little realilawyers, clerks and desks, how the zation of what the occasion meant for can troops has been completed in the

from one end of the space to the Six speakers, Bauer, Groeber, other, showing with his hands the Hasse, Schiffer, Posadowski and Kahi, various places in his bicycle shop, representing the six parties in the Though extremely nervous, he poured Assembly, three for signing the treaty out his account without the slightest and three against, addressed the As hesitation, speaking fast throughout sembly, but not a single great speech the entire length of the presentation appropriate to the occasion was written into history, not a note touched the heartstrings or awakened the Cocchi related the incident in his shop, emotions of the Assembly or of the

Instead some of the speakers de voted themselves to party politics. Scoring the other parties, "Our party" and "We told you so" were favorite themes. Bauer alone made an im-To this Signor Bagnoli, President of pression by the directness and simthe court, retorted: "But the American plicity of his speech. During the Prelike solemnity in the air and the ses-Cocchi answered: "It is impossible for ston closed at 4:25 o'clock. Immediately afterward Herman Mueller, the new Foreign Minister, sent a telegram to Counsellor Haniel von Haimhausen at Versailles instructing him to apprise the Allies that Germany would sign the treaty.

I met former Ambassador Bern storff on his way to the Assembly "Going home Thursday," he remarked "Have you heard the news that the German fleet has sunk itself? Too bad it could not have occurred prior to November 11."

### Theatre Crowded to Roof. This news spread quickly in the As-

sembly, but it seemed to cause no excitement and was not referred to in the proceedings. When President Febrenbach a few minutes after noon rang the bell, calling the Assembly to order, the theatre was crowded to the roof. It was the first time that the populace had shown the slightest interest in the proceedings. There were many ladies in the boxes and throughout the galleries. The new Cabinet sat at the Govern-

ment desk on the stage to the right of the presiding officer and in the place of Scheidemann was the new Chancellor or Premier, a somewhat elongated edition of President Ebert. Scheldemann left Weimar this morning, not wishing to be present, and President Ebert and Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau also preferred to be

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## Wilson Prepares to Sail on Saturday; Poincare's Dinner May Cause Delay

By a Staff Correspondent of Tax Bun.

PARIS, June 24.—President Wilson is making good progress cleaning up many details in the hope of sailing for the United States on

The President may be prevented from embarking on the evening of the day that the treaty is signed by the great dinner at the Elysee Palace, which will be given by President Poincare, probably on Friday night, to all the plenipotentiaries. This is the traditional custom, following the signing of a peace treaty, and the acceptance by President Wilson of an invitation to attend it is obligatory, unless he is willing to affront the French very seriously.

The Germans probably will not be invited to this ceremony. For the first time in history the enemy will not be asked to participate because many of the French object to sitting at the same board with the men who burned their flags.

## WETS PIN HOPE BERLIN IS UNDER ON PRESIDENT HEAVIER GUARD

Disorders Following De-

cision to Sign.

-Another Dispatch Tells

of Popular Rejoicing.

COPENHAGEN, June 24.-Resignation

and indifference characterized the pop-

ular attitude toward the decision of

the Government to sign the peace

treaty, a despatch to Reuter's corre

spondent here from Berlin says. There

were no demonstrations, no flags and

longed for peace. Stronger military and

horted the population to remain quiet

that the transfer of the city to the Al

lies can be made in an orderly manner

LONDON, June 24 .- News of the German

Government's agreement to sign the

In Berlin, Munich and other large

cities, the despatch says, processions

to the Allies. In a telegram, officers

of the association said, "We can't pro-

rely upon the generosity of the Dutch

ONE SENATOR SLEEPS

Guest of du Pont, Del.

Special Despatch to THE SER

Washington, June 24.—Wesley L. Jones, a member from the State of

the "greatest club in the world"-th

United States Senate-has come back

from a motor trip to Atlantic City with

very damaging evidence against the

With Mrs. Jones, son Harry and sor

Harry's wife, the Jones motor bowled

merrily along the homeward way and

when near the State line between Penn-

sylvania and Delaware the overwrought

motor groaned, coughed and finally gave

up the ghost. The approach of night

and the expert opinion of the chauffeur

that nothing short of a major operation

to seek a place to sleep.

The chauffeur spied a fine, big place

up the road, reconnoitered and reported

that "a crusty old man said they could

sleep in the barn if they would promise

taken on this generous offer of hospital-

ity and there was an unanimous feeling that a secure hayloft was far better

Bright and early next morning Sen-stor Jones sallied forth to let the Dela-ware breezes blow the hayseed out of

his hair and encountered one of the

hired men.
"Whose place is this?" said Mr. Jones.

"It belong to Mr. Henry Algernon duPont what used to be a Senator," friend yokel answered. Senator Jones

then disclosed his identity, whereupor

Wilmington to revive the Jones motor

that he thought the limit of Senatorial

ex-Senator stowed a Senator and hi

If you can save money
you can invest while you save.
Ask for particulars of
Partial Payment Plan.
John Muir & So., 61 B'way.—Adv.

the fireworks started. Senator

family away in a hayloft.

to smoke in the hay."

than no place at all to sleep.

truth of this supposition.

IN ANOTHER'S BARN

pondent reports.

the old empire.

in evidence in the German capital.

tragedy of the ages was ended on this Wilson Has Two Ways Open Precautions Taken to Prevent to Halt War Time Prohibition.

> EXPECT SWIFT ACTION TWO VIEWS OF SITUATION

Short Dry Period After July 1 Capital Reported Indifferent Is Worst Feared by

Friends.

Special Despatch to THE SUN WASHINGTON, June 24. - With war me prohibition under the food stimulation act of November 21, 1918, sched uled to go into effect within a week in terest here and throughout the coun try centres in whether the President intends to suspend operation of the

law. Investigation here shows that the President probably will act as soon as he has the legal authority to do so and that prohibition ushered in by the food bill is not going to remain in force long, even if the President does no feel warranted to prevent its making the country bone dry on July 1.

There are two courses of action ope to the President, according to authoritative information here, and the chances are all in favor of his adopting one or the other. The first is for the President to intervene before next gress declare that the need for war time prohibition under the food bill is passed. The other is for the President to await reports from the legal advisers that demobilization of the Amerisense of the statute and then put the food stimulation bill with its war time prohibition hors du combat.

The opinion of officials in the President's confidence is that the latter course is perhaps more likely than the former, though they will not be surprised to see war time prohibition nipped before it starts. Under the lat ter contingency the nation would have a few weeks of the bone dry experiment followed by the lifting of the bar until next January, when nationwide Jones, Wash., Is Hayloft prohibition goes into effect under the amendment to the national Constitu-

There is no doubt whatever that the President believes that the necessity of tribunals have exonerated your wife and mier's speech there was something the war time prohibition under the food Washington of what is supposed to be bill has passed. In his message to Congress he said:

The demobilization of the military forces of the country has progressed to such a point that it seems to be entirely safe now to remove the ban on the sale of wines and beers, but I am advised that without further egislation I have not the legal thority to remove the present restrictions.

His authority centres in the question of whether demobilization has been accomplished. Legally under the provisions of the bill the President has the would renew life in the temporarily power to eliminate war time prohibition dead engine induced the Jones family sions of the bill the President has the when demobilization has been completed. But demobilization is a question of fact which can be determined, and last May the President referred to de-

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### Soldiers Grateful To Smoke Fund Donors

EAGERNESS of soldiers in the Army of Occupation to learn the latest news of the peace negotiations does not prevent them from sending thanks to contributors to THE SUN Tobacco Fund, whose generosity makes it possible for them to receive real American smokes. Several messages from the boys overseas will be found on

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of Government. LANSING TO STAY ON JOB

United States in Behalf

Much Ill Feeling Developed by Peculiar Status of Col. House.

> By LAURENCE HILLS. Staff Correspondent of Tan Bon.

Copyright, 1919; all rights reserved. Panis, June 24.—Germany will send special delegation to Versailles to sign the treaty of peace with the allied and associated Powers. The delegation, numbering probably twenty in all, will be headed by Herman Mueller, the new German Foreign Secretary, and upon him will devolve the task of signing the treaty in behalf

of the new German Government. The German delegation, according to present indications, should reach Versailles not later than Thursday morning, but French insistence on punctilious formalities may hold up the ceremony of signing the treaty at Versailles until Saturday, the preparations requiring much time.

Not even the political exigencies of President Wilson can deter the French from carrying out their plans. The new German delegates must have their credentials examined by the allled committee, a matter of much formality in itself. Fifteen regiments are to go to Versailles for the ceremony and the delegates are to be corted back in triumph to Paris as

police patrols to suppress any demon the occasion for another fete. strations against the Government were The question of President Wilson's seal was solved to-day when he sent The President of the Province of the seal of the United States to the West Prussia has resigned, according French Foreign Office to be affixed to a Danzig despatch. The Chief Magbeside his signature. istrate of Danzig, it is added, has ex-

With the departure of President Wilson and Col. E. M. House after the signing of the treaty the American delegation here will be resolved into three headed commission, and in strations throughout Germany, the Ex- the work for the next two months change Telegraph's Copenhagen corres- will proceed along the regular lines followed by the present Peace Commission. Secretary Lansing will be the head of this body, but other mem-

formed and marched along the principal bers will have virtually equal powers, streets, the participants singing war The virtual retirement of Col. songs and cheering the Generals of House has caused much surprise here. He is out of all future peace work, The Officers Association, it is added. has asked the Dutch Government not but will remain in seclusion in Engto deliver the former German Emperor land until the American Senate approves or disapproves the treaty. Questions of importance to the United tect the Kaiser with our bodies, but we States and to the world still remain to be settled here, but it is not saying too much to state that the elimination of Col. House, whether of his own choice or not, will relieve a situation which threatened to become em-

barrassing. It is betraying no secret to say that some members of the commission have felt slighted and embarrassed in the last six months by the peculiar status of Col. House, which is unprecedented

in European diplomacy. While nominally next in rank to the President in the delegation, and always sitting in that position in public sessions, Secretary Lansing has been completely overshadowed, as have the other members, by Col. House, who maintained practically a separate establishment on the upper floor of the Hotel Crillon, the American headquarters, in which virtually all negotiations were conducted, regarding which the other members of the delegation in many cases knew

### little or nothing. Lausing Embarrassed.

To Americans cognizant of Col. House's relations with the President this was not surprising, but as it is entirely unprecedented in diplomatic practice it has been extremely embarrassing to Secretary Lansing and others theoretically although not actu-

ally holding equal rank with House. This situation at one time threatened to have very unpleasant consequences, but the danger of that is now past. From surface indications it appears that the President suddenly became aware of the way things were drifting and began to seek the advice of Secretary Lansing, while Col. House retired a bit more into the background.

explanations were offered and every-thing was fine and dandy; but not until Senator Jones told his former colleague It appears now that Secretary Lansing will sit at the end of the urtesy had been reached when an cable between the White House in Washington and Paris, and the peculiar status of Col. House in Europe will come to an end, except for the duty of keeping within reach of Lord Robert Cecil in London wille the